



Even
the wind
and the sea
obey him

MARK 4:41



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“In an atmosphere of love and unity we seek to spread the gospel through worship and service to all people.”

Watchword for the Week: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. **Psalm 107:1**

Prelude

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

Welcome and Announcements

Bro. Charles Donovan

Greeting: Ephesians 1:1-14

Bro. Wendell Smith

In this passage, the writer greets the church in Ephesus and celebrates the spiritual blessings God has given them (which we believe includes us). The hymns that follow thank God for God’s blessings and pray for God’s blessings on us this day.

Hymn #533

“Now Thank We All Our God” (3v)

Hymn #441

“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior” (2v)

Hymn #445

“Bless, O Lord, We Pray” (1v)

Liturgy of Servanthood

Sis. Goldine Nicholas

O Lord, our God, your wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension. Yet our hearts know you intimately.

Our love for you and our awe of you join together in our praise to your holy name.

You are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciples; when we feel the call to servanthood.

You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.

It is by faith in you that we respond to your call to serve.

We believe that you are our source of love and provide the resources for loving. We believe that you redeem not only our lives but also our actions so that our small human offerings have divine results. We believe that your Spirit empowers us to be all that you created us to be for your purpose.

Holy God of all creation, give us vision, love and nerve to respond to our first calling on this earth to care and serve. Show the world by our example how to live each waking hour, as we strive to humbly follow, sharing your creative power.

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Yet the call to serve can, at times, be overwhelming. The need before us is more than one person can handle alone.

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body. Your Body is made manifest in us as we work together to serve your children.

Lord, many people in our community show your love through their actions.

They shelter the homeless. They feed the hungry. They accompany the elderly. They champion the battle with mental illness. They help others become better parents. They donate their blood, their sweat, and their personal belongings.

Lord, many people in our church generously offer their lives to your service.

They teach your word. They visit the sick and home-bound. They provide fellowship for our church family. They serve as leaders and decision makers. They make worship a meaningful experience. They support our ministry in prayer.

Let us identify the organizations in our church and community that make up the tangible Body of Christ.

(Speak aloud the names of church and community groups that provide loving service.)

Lord, we thank you for these people whom you have joined together for your purpose.

We thank you for people who live what they believe and believe what they live. We thank you for the Spirit of Christ which dwells in such people in our church and community.

By your grace, Lord, we stand among those who will hear you say, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

And we will say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or in prison?"

And you will assure us, Lord, with your words, "Just as you have done it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

CHALLENGE, Hymn 74

Into the world Christ Jesus sends us,
to love like he loved wherever we go:

just down the street, into the cities,
crossing the borders of culture as though
nothing, but nothing, could keep us away –
this is the challenge of our mission.

Into the world Christ Jesus sends us
to make disciples wherever we go:
teaching his truth, seeking commitment,
welcoming strangers and watching them grow.
Warming cold hearts with the flames of God's love –
this is the challenge of our mission.

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Exodus 18:13-27

Sis. Angela Ephraim

“Bless, O Lord, We Pray Your Synod” (Covenant, 185A)

Bless, O Lord, we pray your Synod gathered far away from us today.
Be with those you've chosen for discernment of your own will for us this day.
Listen to our prayers and humble pleading that you grant them ears to hear your
leading.

Lord, to you we humbly call: guide and bless them one and all.

Jesus, bless each delegate we've chosen with your holy humble mind
so with patience, love, and true devotion, they your favored path may find.
Let them not be timid, scared or nervous, as they seek to offer up the service of
discerning ev'ry task which now, Lord, of us you ask.

Spirit bless all with your gracious presence, gathered here or far away.
May our thoughts and prayers combined in worship be your constant joy this day.
From these sacred spaces, thus empowered by your presence with us in this hour
and God's love alive in all, we'll rejoin to heed Christ's call.

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Worship Through Song

The Chancel Choir

Spoken Word

Bro. Stephen James Jr.

Sermon

Bro. Stephen James Sr.

***Offertory Sentence**

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also
has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a
sweet-smelling aroma. Ephesians 5:1-2 (NKJV)

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Eternal God, we know that in your heart a contrite spirit is more acceptable than
burnt offerings. Therefore, as we ask that you bless our tithes and offering, grant
that the gifts we bring be the authentic demonstration of our dedication. We give
ourselves— body, soul, and spirit— to you, which is our reasonable service. **AMEN**

***Tithes & Offertory Hymn #735** "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

Presentation of Tithes/Offerings

***Ascription of Praise #817** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

John 16: 7-15

Sis. Winnifred Farquharson

Spirit, you came into the church with new, unending power. (Dundee, 14P)
You are the living, beating heart within us at this hour.

Most tender Spirit, mighty God, your power to renew
means loss of Jesus can be gain, so long as we have you.

Hymn #71 "Lord, You Call Us To Your Service"

Hymn #25 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Hymn #223 "Spirit, Working in Creation"

Closing: Romans 1:8-12

Sis. Brenda Percival

Hymn #559 "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

Hymn #822 "Go Now In Peace"

Organ Postlude (Congregation seated)

Mr. Fabio Alvarez

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship the Lord on the day we celebrate on the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

Announcements June 24, 2018

- Please join us for Bible Study this Wed. at 6:30 pm. You may also join in via phone by calling 605 -475-4742 and use access code 824450 at 6:30 pm.
- The Moravian Women in Ministry meet today right after worship.
- Next Sunday's service will start at 10:00 am; the beginning of Summer worship hours.
- CARD's luncheon honoring seniors is this Saturday, June 30th in our Hall from 1:00-5:00 pm. The donation is \$40, per person. Attendance by all is encouraged, regardless of age.
- The 30th is also the deadline for college bound students to apply for a C.A.R.D scholarship. Applications are on the rack, but speak with Bro. Wendell Smith or any C.A.R.D member TODAY if questions arise.

- The Antigua-Barbuda Group still have a slot for you to join them on their trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Ohio. The trip is from Mon. Aug. 27th to Sat. Sept. 1st. There are flyers with complete details available in the Narthex, and on the rack.
- **Tickets for the July 7th UMC picnic are available from a Men's Fellowship or Board of Trustees member. It will be at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children under 13. Please support the church by leaving your car behind and boarding the bus.**
- **This years John Hus Festival will be held at Castleton Hill Moravian Church on Staten Island on July 8th. The service is at 10:00, and one bus will leave United at 8:00 sharp. Seats are limited. Call the church office to reserve your space.**
- On Wed. July 11th United is sponsoring a free concert featuring the Unity Brass Band from South Africa. The concert is being held here at 7:00 pm, and upon arrival, a good-will offering would be appreciated. Mark your calendar for an evening of fine music.
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "Jesus Is Our Savior!". The date is July 16th - 27th. The hours are 9:00 am –4:00 pm. More adult and youth volunteers are needed. Please see Sis. Jonelle Bernard for more information. Registration forms are on the rack.**



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... that Disaster Relief Efforts by Moravians, Methodists, and Richard

Petty Motor Sports and Roush-Fenway Racing have created a “Ground Effect” in Lumberton, NC? Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 left thousands homeless and 31 killed. Participants with this collaborative effort made 28 trips to Lumberton over a 14-month period. Initially, they set to work mucking houses, piling belongings and discarded rubble on the curbs.

Although a few people were lost, thousands have been saved and many have moved back into their homes. There is at least 3 years of work left since initially 660 roads and 26,000 homes were washed out. If you and/or people in your congregation are interested in helping with this relief effort, go to the Board of World Mission website



www.moravianmission.org and complete the contact information under the Connect Section. You may also contact Jill Kolodziej for more information at jill@moravianmission.org.

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Sis. Andrea Williams	9	Sis. Junie Steele	30
Sis. Viola Joseph	10	Sis. Jade Taylor	30
Bro. Gregory Brown	12		

COMING EVENTS

June 30.	C.A.R.D Luncheon for Seniors :1:00 –5:00 pm
	SUMMER SERVICE HOURS
July 1.	Worship Service & Communion Service @ 10:00 am
July 7.	United Annual Picnic
July 8.	John Hus Service at Castleton Hill- 10:00 am
July 8.	Worship Service at United - 10:00 am
July 11.	Unity Brass Band Concert at United - 7:00 pm
July 15.	Worship Service @ United -10:00 am
July 16-27	Vacation Bible School
July 22-	Worship Service @ United -10:00 am
July29	Worship Service @ United -10:00 am

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When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main Points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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The Miracle of Assurance

The miracle of calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee was proof that Jesus was the Son of God, but this miracle left the disciples bewildered and confused as to who Jesus was. Who was this man who could command the wind and the waves to be quiet and they would obey?

The disciples were naturally afraid of what a furious storm could do, because of their knowledge and experience. However, this man called Jesus, whom they had made a decision to follow in ministry, had the power to control nature, and this was just as alarming for them.

One may wonder why Jesus decided to take the boat to the other side of the lake that day, but all we know for sure is that the disciples were obedient to his request. This obedience gave them the opportunity to witness a great miracle that exhibited the deity of Christ and gave them something that they could remember for the rest of their lives. Because of their faith in him, they could weather other storms that came their way.

This story reminds us today that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity. We are his people, and by our faith we should remain obedient to his will by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Our faith will not guarantee us that we will not have storms in our lives. However, we do have the assurance that when the storms come, our Lord will be with us to either remove them or sustain us through them for the glory of God.

*Tim Sapp, pastor, Advent Moravian Church,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

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